

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for indicating a completion status of a media program, the method comprising:

displaying an electronic program guide (EPG) having first and second axes and a plurality of elements, the first axis corresponding to a plurality of media providers, the second axis corresponding to a plurality of time slots, each element corresponding to a media program;

displaying a line indicating a current time across at least a portion of the EPG, wherein the line is perpendicular to the second axis and bisects an element of the EPG into an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a media program corresponding to the element, and the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof;

generating a separate graph of elapsed time versus running time for a first media program when a portion of the element corresponding to the first media program cannot be displayed within the plurality of time slots currently associated with the second axis, the graph indicating the elapsed proportion of the first media program without reference to the line; and

positioning the separate graph upon the corresponding element in the EPG, the graph being automatically displayed without the necessity of user input.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the line bisects a plurality of elements of the EPG.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the media program is selected from the group consisting of a television program, a radio program, a streaming video program, and a streaming audio program.

4. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
moving the line along the second axis to indicate a change in the current time.

5. (canceled).

6. (canceled).

7. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the separate graph is selected from the group consisting of a pie chart and a ratio bar graph.

8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the separate graph comprises an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a corresponding media program, the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein the elapsed portion is displayed in a first color and the remaining portion is displayed in a second color.

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10. (canceled).

11. (currently amended) A system for indicating a completion status of a media program, the system comprising:

an electronic program guide (EPG) component for displaying an EPG having first and second axes and a plurality of elements, the first axis corresponding to a plurality of media providers, the second axis corresponding to a plurality of time slots, each element corresponding to a media program; and

a completion status component configured to display a line indicating a current time across at least a portion of the EPG, wherein the line is perpendicular to the second axis and bisects an element of the EPG into an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a media program corresponding to the element, the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof, wherein the completion status component is further configured to generate a separate graph of elapsed time versus running time for a first media program when the element corresponding to the first media program cannot be fully displayed within the plurality of time slots associated with the second axis, the graph indicating the elapsed proportion of the first media program without reference to the line, the separate graph being positioned upon the corresponding element in the EPG without the necessity of user input.

12. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein the line bisects a plurality of elements of the EPG.

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13. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein the completion status component is configured to move the line along the second axis to indicate a change in the current time.

14. (original) The system of claim 11, wherein the media program is selected from the group consisting of a television program, a radio program, a streaming video program, and a streaming audio program.

15. (canceled).

16. (canceled).

17. (previously presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the separate graph is selected from the group consisting of a pie chart and a ratio bar graph.

18. (previously presented) The system of claim 11, wherein the separate graph comprises an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a corresponding media program, the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof.

19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the elapsed portion is displayed in a first color and the remaining portion is displayed in a second color.

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20. (canceled).

21. (currently amended) A user interface for indicating a completion status of a media program, the user interface comprising:

an electronic program guide (EPG) having first and second axes and a plurality of elements, the first axis corresponding to a plurality of media providers, the second axis corresponding to a plurality of time slots, each element corresponding to a media program;

a line indicating a current time displayed across at least a portion of the EPG, wherein the line is perpendicular to the second axis and bisects an element of the EPG into an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a media program corresponding to the element, the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof; and

a separate graph of elapsed time versus running time for a first media program displayed when a portion of the element corresponding to the first media program cannot be displayed within the plurality of time slots currently associated with the second axis, the graph indicating the elapsed proportion of the first media program without reference to the line, wherein the separate graph is positioned upon the corresponding element in the EPG without the necessity of user input.

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22. (original) The user interface of claim 21, wherein the line bisects a plurality of elements of the EPG.

23. (original) The user interface of claim 21, wherein the line is configured to move along the second axis to indicate a change in the current time.

24. (original) The user interface of claim 21, wherein the media program is selected from the group consisting of a television program, a radio program, a streaming video program, and a streaming audio program.

25. (canceled).

26. (canceled).

27. (previously presented) The user interface of claim 21, wherein the separate graph is selected from the group consisting of a pie chart and a ratio bar graph.

28. (previously presented) The user interface of claim 21, wherein the separate graph comprises an elapsed portion and a remaining portion, the elapsed portion being proportional in size to an elapsed time of a corresponding media program, the remaining portion being proportional in size to a remaining time thereof.

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29. (original) The user interface of claim 28, wherein the elapsed portion is displayed in a first color and the remaining portion is displayed in a second color.

30. (canceled).

31. (currently amended) A method for indicating a completion status of a media program, the method comprising:

displaying an electronic program guide (EPG) having first and second axes and a plurality of elements, the first axis corresponding to a plurality of media providers, the second axis corresponding to a plurality of time slots, each element corresponding to a media program;

generating a separate graph of elapsed time versus running time for a first media program when the element corresponding to the first media program cannot be fully displayed within the plurality of time slots currently associated with the second axis, the graph indicating the elapsed proportion of the first media program without reference to the EPG; and

positioning the separate graph upon the corresponding element in the EPG without the necessity of user input.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the graph comprises a pie chart.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, wherein the graph comprises a ratio bar graph.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising displaying an enlarged version of the graph at a location outside of the program guide in response to a user selection of a corresponding element in the program guide.